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- 25X1 1. Between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on 2 January 1952, Cottbus airfield was observed from its western side. The northern edge of the field was occupied by 26 Pe-2s, which were parked in two rows, and a twin-engine plane with full-view cockpit, plexiglass turret on top near the mid-fuselage, two radial engines, double rudder assembly and nose wheels. This plane was larger than the Pe-2s. There was no flying. *
2. At 11 a.m. on 16 January, 40 Pe-2s and 3 twin-engine planes with tail gunner's stations were observed at the field. Two additional twin-engine planes were seen in a hangar. Two jet bombers, including one with the red number 13, landed at 11 a.m. and were parked near hangar 2. Sedan 25X1 was observed entering and leaving the field. **
3. On 9 January, the field was occupied by 38 to 42 Pe-2s and 1 twin-engine plane of a new type and marked by the white number 4. There was flying by three Pe-2s. Trucks 25X1 and tank truck 25X1 entered and left the field. *
- 25X1 * 25X1 Comment. Cottbus airfield is still occupied by a bomber regiment which is equipped with Pe-2s. The twin-engine plane which differs from the Pe-2 and which was mentioned 25X1 is a B-25 which 25X1 landed in Cottbus on 26 December 1951. 25X1
- 25X1 ** 25X1 Comment. The information that jet bombers landed at Cottbus airfield and were parked there tends to confirm the assumption that the Pe-2 regiment has been reequipped with twin-jet aircraft. 25X1 This reequip- ment was indicated by information that flying was practiced with B-25 type planes fitted with nose wheels and that fuel was shipped from Riesa fuel depot to Cottbus on 30 December 1951. 25X1 So far Riesa fuel depot has supplied only jet bomber units of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army.

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